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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Santa Ana – Gunman Opens Fire on Police during Anti-Gang Operations**

(U) A man was struck by return fire from Santa Ana police on the evening of 11 March after shooting at detectives, police said. Two detectives were on gang enforcement duty and were driving up the street when a man shot at them as they approached. The suspect was hit and transported in an unknown condition. No officer was seriously injured in the incident.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [ABC7](#)

(U) San Diego – Hundreds Removed from San Diego County Gang Injunction Lists

(U) Hundreds of people previously suspected of being gang members are having their names removed from injunction lists in San Diego County. In what is being referred to by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office as a "second chance," 332 people will no longer be listed as suspected gang members by local authorities. The DA's Office said 467 will remain on injunction lists.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [ABC San Diego](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) California – Convicted Aggravated Felon Arrested While Attempting to Enter California**

(U) Calexico – El Centro Sector US Border Patrol (US BP) agents apprehended a man attempting to illegally cross the US-Mexico border, who was previously convicted on felony charges. He is currently being processed at El Centro station under federal custody pending prosecution for Re-entry after Removal.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Mexico – Police Chief Says Security is Insufficient Across Country

(U) Mexico City - Mexico's top security official said, "security is deficient in practically the whole country," after a group of migrants went missing in northern Mexico. Public Safety Secretary Alfonso Durazo said the number of men pulled off a bus last week in the border state of Tamaulipas is between 19 and 25. The driver said hooded men who pointed guns at the bus, and later climbed aboard, had a list of names of those they abducted. They were taken off, put into four vehicles driven by the attackers, and taken away. They still have not been located. All were apparently male Central American migrants, and Durazo said the missing men may have contracted with human traffickers to be smuggled into the United States.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Maryland – Black Guerilla Family Gang Leader Sentenced for Authorizing Murder, Racketeering**

(U) Baltimore –The leader of the Black Guerilla Family (BGF) gang, Shawn Tomas, has been sentenced to federal prison for participating in a racketeering conspiracy and for ordering murder. BGF is a nationwide gang operating in prisons and in cities throughout the US, including in Baltimore. BGF is

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involved in crimes including murder, robbery, extortion, drug trafficking, obstruction of justice and witness intimidation.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [Fox Baltimore](#)

(U) New York – Federal Prosecutors Charge Georgia Woman for Conspiring with Terrorists

(U) New York City – Kim Anh Vo was arrested in Georgia yesterday, on charges of conspiring to provide material support to the designated foreign terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). Vo joined an online group called the United Cyber Caliphate that pledged allegiance to ISIS and spread propaganda on its behalf and is committed to carrying out online attacks and cyber intrusions against Americans. Vo recruited members to the group to assist in hacking efforts and published “kill lists,” which list the names of individuals – for example, soldiers in the United States Armed Forces and members of the State Department – and instruct their followers to kill the listed individuals.”

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [NBC New York](#)

(U) New York – Woman Charged with Hate Crimes after Pepper Spray Attack

(U) New York City – Tasha Heard, a black transgender woman has been charged with multiple hate crime felonies and misdemeanors following a series of pepper spray attacks in New York City. In multiple incidents Heard was alleged to have threatened multiple people with sharp objects and mace spraying. These alleged attacks occurred amid increased reports of bias crimes in the United States. In its latest report, the FBI reported more than a 17 percent rise in hate crimes across the country in 2017—the third consecutive year the numbers have increased.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [NBC News](#)

(U) North Carolina – Man Acting Suspiciously Prompted Access Restrictions at Fort Bragg

(U) Fayetteville – A foreign national who was acting suspicious while trying to gain access to Fort Bragg, yesterday, prompted authorities to restrict access to the military base while they worked to determine if the man posed a threat. The unidentified man was being questioned and authorities were reviewing his background, but it appears that there was not a threat to the base or the people who work there.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [ABC 11](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Georgia – Two Detained for Attempting to Sell Uranium**

(U) Tbilisi – Georgia said on Wednesday it had detained two people for handling and trying to sell \$2.8 million worth of radioactive uranium-238, which can be enriched into nuclear weapons grade. The West has been concerned about the security of former Soviet nuclear weapon materials since the 1991 break-up of the communist bloc. Ex-Soviet Georgia has since foiled several attempts to sell uranium or other radioactive materials. Uranium-238 is the least radioactive uranium isotope and makes up more than 99 percent of natural uranium. It cannot immediately be used to produce the chain reaction needed for a nuclear weapon without enrichment. In disclosing the arrests in Kobuleti, security services did not say whether the two, whom are part of a criminal gang, had a buyer for the uranium-238 or where they had acquired it.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Israel – Firebomb Sparks Unrest at Holy Site

(U) Jerusalem – Israeli police closed the entrances to Jerusalem's most revered holy site after Palestinian suspects threw a firebomb at a police station on 11 March. Police later announced that the Temple Mount and the Noble Sanctuary, would reopen on 12 March morning. There were no injuries from the

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firebombing, but police quickly deployed across the hilltop compound, scuffling with Palestinians in the area, as they searched for the assailants.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Indonesia – Explosive Device Detonates During Counterterrorism Raid in North Sumatra

(U) Jakarta – An explosion at the residence of a suspected Islamist militant in North Sumatra province's Sibolga city injured at least one police officer. Authorities arrested the suspect at his home, and approximately 30 minutes later a device exploded while police officers were still on the scene attempting to negotiate the surrender of the suspect's wife and child. It remains unknown if there were any other injuries.

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [Aljazeera](#)

(U) Venezuela – Venezuela Gives US Diplomats 72 Hours to Leave Country

(U) Caracas – Venezuela ordered American diplomats to leave the country within 72 hours, yesterday, after President Nicolas Maduro accused the US of cyber "sabotage" that plunged the OPEC nation into its worst blackout on record. The US State Department had announced on 11 March it will withdraw its staff from Venezuela this week, saying their presence had become "a constraint on US policy."

SOURCE: 12 March 2019, [Euronews](#)

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